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Repairs to the bridges over the River Varaha.

* 634 *Q.*—SRI RAJA SAGI SURYANARAYANA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to repair the bridge over the River Varaha at Cheedi Gummala on Narasipatnam-Krishnadevipatnam road and the bridge between Makavarappalam and Kandala Agraharam this year?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"There was only a causeway at each place. The answer is in the negative."

New buses in Madras City.

* 635 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many new buses were put up on the road as a result of tramway lock-out;

(*b*) how many drivers and conductors were employed in these buses; and

(*c*) how many of them were ex-tramway employees?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) Three new buses were put on the road. Thirty-eight more vehicles have been added to the fleet operating in the City (1) by withdrawing some vehicles from the mofussil and suburban routes and (2) by expediting repairs to vehicles in the workshops. In addition, 13 lorries were requisitioned from the Civil Supplies Transport Unit.

"(*b*) The crew required for the additional vehicles were found from amongst the existing strength of drivers and conductors. The Civil Supplies lorries are being driven by their own drivers.

"(*c*) None."

Government Advertisements for the Telugu daily 'Visalandhra'.

* 636 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the advertisements of the various departments of the State Government are given to 'Visalandhra', a Telugu daily coming from Vijayavada; and

(*b*) if not, on what grounds they are not given?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) & (*b*) In respect of any advertisement at Government cost, the Government take into account mainly the extent of circulation of papers among the classes of persons whom it is the object of Government to reach. No occasion has so far arisen in which effective and useful publicity could in the opinion of Government be obtained for Government advertisements through the medium of the Visalandhra."